



Statement of Welcome & Inclusion

As followers of Jesus, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God. We are committed to creating an inclusive space of belonging and safety. Therefore, this community of faith welcomes into full participation, membership, and leadership persons of diverse age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, level of education, class, and income.

Rooted in the Reformed tradition, we affirm that "God alone is Lord of the conscience," allowing for a breadth of diverse theological and biblical interpretations. We covenant to accept, respect, and love one another as we apply our faith in the circumstances of our lives and in the matters of our world.

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 24, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today.

*Childcare is available from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 3 of the Kuhn Education Wing.
We also invite children to use our activity area in the sanctuary.*

Assistive listening devices are available at the sound booth (rear of sanctuary).

Libby Payne presents the flowers this morning in memory of loved ones.

Worship begins with the first note of the prelude – may we silence our voices and open our hearts, allowing the music to draw us together into the presence of God.

Prelude

O How He Loves You And Me
Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

Kurt Kaiser

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Elder David Watts

L: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

P: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

L: Let us come before the Lord with thanksgiving,

P: And extol the Lord with music and song.

L: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Call to Confession

In all humility and faith, let us confess our sin before God and one another, first in silence and then with one voice using our common prayer of confession. Let us pray.

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious Redeemer, we come before you confessing our times of confusion, doubt, bewilderment, and indecision in all the complexities of the living of these days. Often, we do not know where to turn; we don't always know how to stand; we don't always know what to choose. Set our feet now upon your paths; incline our hearts to your call; give us new opportunity to decide for your ways. Be with us, faithful God, in this hour of commitment and in all our hours; through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

**Those who are able are asked to please stand.*

*Assurance of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end.
Amen, Amen.*

*Passing of the Peace

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: **And also with you.**

Children's Message

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

(After the message, preschool and elementary-age children are invited to follow volunteers to the Little Kirk for an age-appropriate worship experience.)

First Scripture Reading (OT, p.581)

Psalm 145:1-8

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Whoever Would Be Great Among You
The Chancel Choir

Ronald Nelson

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p.21)

Matthew 20:1-16

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

*Hymn 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

I Need Thee Every Hour
Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

Robert Lowry

*Doxology (Tune: "Old Hundredth")

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

*Hymn 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

*Benediction

Postlude

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus
Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

George Webb

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- It's time for a **Women's Retreat!** There will be an **informational meeting today after worship on the window-side area of Fellowship Hall.** To assist in choosing a time and place, Pastor Nancy would find it helpful to have an initial conversation with anyone who might be interested in attending the retreat. Grab your coffee after worship and join us!
- **Supper Clubs** are returning for Fall 2023! These groups of six to eight people meet at the house of a host or at a restaurant. Groups meet once a month over a period of three months, and both singles and couples are welcome. Forms and sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Place. **Please sign up today if you haven't already done so.**
- Those who signed up to attend the trip to the **National Museum of African American History and Culture** are reminded that **the bus will pick us up at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, in the parking lot, so please arrive at the church no later than 8:15 a.m.** Cost of the bus trip and museum entrance is covered by our Thriving Together grant, but you may want to bring money for food and beverages and souvenirs.
- The Rev. Don Potter will be out of town **Wednesday, Sept. 27, through Friday, Oct. 13.** During this time, please contact the office for any visitation or pastoral needs.
- **We need your help!** Please consider sharing some of your time and talents as a Kirk Kids teacher, Church World Service volunteer, Fellowship host, worship service welcomer, handbell ringer, or choir member. Please contact the office at (717) 737-0488 for information on signing up.
- September is the month we support PCUSA's Peace and Global Witness Offering. Please find offering envelopes in the pews. CHPC's portion of the offering will be used to **support Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties.** Thank you for your generous contributions.
- The **Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering will be held Sunday, Oct. 1, at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.** All women are invited; a \$2 donation is requested. A light luncheon will precede a special program on service dogs presented by Kary Starling of Dandy Dog Training.
- The first of this season's **Noonday Organ Recitals will take place at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, in the Sanctuary.** Daniel Glessner, organist at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Enola, will be joined by flutist Laura Bielen. **A free luncheon precedes the concert at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.** A freewill offering will be taken.
- CHPC's **Blessing of the Animals will take place Sunday, Oct. 8, at 4:30 p.m. in the Peace Garden.**

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, September 25

- 10 a.m. – Staff Meeting; Pastor’s Study
- 1 p.m. – Quilters and Crafters for Mission; Q&C Room
- 7 p.m. – Session Meeting; Blue Room and via Zoom

Tuesday, September 26

- 9:45 a.m. – Preschool Librarian Story Time; Fellowship Hall
- 6 p.m. – West Shore A.A. Big Book Study; Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m. – Fall Book Study; Blue Room and via Zoom

Wednesday, September 27

- 10 a.m. – Fall Book Study; Blue Room and via Zoom
- 6 p.m. – Handbell Choir Rehearsal; Music Room
- 7 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

Thursday, September 28

- 7 p.m. – Endowment Trustees Meeting; Blue Room

Saturday, September 30

- 8:15 a.m. – Bus Trip to National Museum of African American History; Parking Lot
- 10 a.m. – Camp Hill Borough Harvest Hop; Market Street

Sunday, October 1

- 9 a.m. – Exegesis Adult Sunday School Class; Blue Room and via Zoom
- 9 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study; Green Room
- 9:45 a.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service with Communion; Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. – Kirk Kids Class; Little Kirk
- 11:30 a.m. – Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering; Fellowship Hall

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